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Subj: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOOD AND NUTRITION RESEARCH,  
DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, EVALUATION AND ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3900.28 of 5 November 1984  
(b) DOD Manual 1338.10M of 22 November 1978

1. Purpose. To assign responsibility for providing Navy requirements to the Department of Defense (DOD) Food and Nutrition Research, Development, Testing, Evaluation and Engineering (RDTE&E) Program and to implement the requirement of reference (a) regarding the appointment of board members to the DOD Food and Nutrition RDTE&E Program.

2. Cancellation. NAVSUPINST 3900.4C.

3. Background. Reference (a) implements reference (b) by establishing a RDTE&E Program in support of the DOD Food Service Program and further establishes the responsibility for the formulation and execution of an integrated program to support all military services and appropriate DOD components.

4. Responsibilities. Reference (a) establishes the responsibility of the Secretary of the Army to coordinate with the other military services and appropriate DOD components the formulation and execution of the DOD Food and Nutrition RDTE&E Program. It also establishes procedures for active participation in the program by all military services and appropriate DOD components through provisions for incorporating the RDTE&E requirements of the other military services, appointing a voting member to the Food and Nutrition Research and Engineering Board and providing representatives to the Joint Technical Staff located at the U.S. Army Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center.

5. Action

a. The Naval Supply Systems Command, in executing its responsibility to the Chief of Naval Operations for the Navy Food Service Program, will provide to the Department of the Army, through the Navy Food Service Systems Office (NAVFSSO), Navy food RDTE&E requirements, viewpoints and expertise in support of the DOD Food and Nutrition RDTE&E Program.

b. The Commanding Officer, NAVFSSO is appointed as the Navy voting member on the Food and Nutrition Research and Engineering Board.

c. NAVFSSO will assign a Navy military representative to the Joint Technical Staff at the U.S. Army Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center. The representative will be assigned to the Center to coordinate and monitor the Navy food RDTE&E requirements and provide Navy viewpoints to the Joint Technical Staff, but will be assigned to NAVFSSO for primary duties.

d. Requirements concerning RDTE&E aspects of Navy food service will normally be requested during the first month of each new fiscal year. Addressees are encouraged to provide input in the areas of food service equipment, food service systems, management systems, personnel training/motivation methods, recipes, ration cost systems operation rations, etc. Submissions will be forwarded to NAVFSSO by the requested date with Commander, Natick Research, Development Center, Natick MA, Code STRNC-TAN included as an information addressee.



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